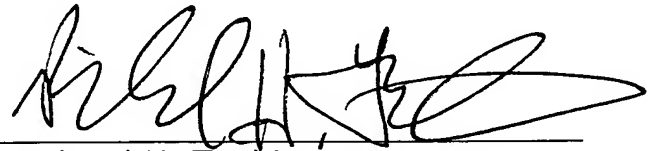


**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment claims 3, 4, 7-11, 13-15 and 17  
have been amended to depend from claim 1. Entry is requested.

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